

Committee: Town Council

Date: 23 January 2024

Title: Grant application

Purpose of Report:

For Members to consider a retrospective grant application from Life Education Wessex and Thames Valley.

Recommendation:

- A. Members resolve to suspend Financial Regulation 5.8 that limits the maximum amount of a grant that can be awarded for this grant application only.
- B. Members resolve to approve the grant for **£775** for Life Education Wessex and Thames Valley from the 2023-24 Grant budget.

Background

- 1. Members have a Resources Grant budget of **£10,000** of which **£2,010** has been allocated so far this financial year in grants to Ilminster Carnival Committee, Ilminster Youth Football Club, Ilminster Ukulele Club, Horton Cross Nursing Home, and the Quakers.
- 2. There is **£7990** remaining in the budget. Any unallocated funds will be returned at the end of the financial year to General Reserves. This figure does not take into account any grants that have been awarded at this meeting.
- 3. The applicant has completed the requisite application form which has been appended to this report for Members to consider, **Appendix 16A**.

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- 4. Information provided by Life Education Wessex and Thames Valley:

*The cost to deliver our health programmes to schools is £530 a day; schools contribute approximately 70% of this, and we need to raise the shortfall. We will be spending 5 days visiting the school, which equates to a shortfall of **£775**. They have delivered their health program to Herne View School.*

(LEW&TV) is an independent and self-financing charity and delivers the UK's leading health, emotional well-being and drug education programme, 'Coram Life Education', to children (aged 3–11 years) across Dorset, Somerset, Devon & Cornwall, and Hampshire the Isle of Wight. In the 2021/22 academic year we saw over 72,000 children in the combined area.

- 5. Members awarded a grant of £860 to Life Education in January 2022.
- 6. Members may wish to award a grant of up to **£775** or may have a different resolution for this application.

Vicky Freeman
Administration Officer
January 2024